

**Systems Integration and Alignment (SIAC) Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2015**  
**10am- 12 pm**  
**33 W. Monroe – 24<sup>th</sup> floor, Board Room East**  
**Conference call in number: 888-494-4032**  
**Pass code: 719 851 8485#**

**Meeting Agenda**

**1) Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)**

*Karen Berman*

<i>Adam Becker</i>	<i>Joanna Su</i>
<i>Alli Lowe-Fotos</i>	<i>Judy Walker Kendrick</i>
<i>Amy Zimmerman</i>	<i>Karen Berman</i>
<i>Andrea Densham</i>	<i>Karen Freel</i>
<i>Bernie Laumann</i>	<i>Kathy Stohr</i>
<i>Beth Berendsen</i>	<i>Kyrsten Brown</i>
<i>Carie Bires</i>	<i>Madelyn James</i>
<i>Carolyn Newberry Schwartz</i>	<i>Marcy Mendenhall</i>
<i>Kathy Villano</i>	<i>Pam Reising-Rechner</i>
<i>Chelesea Guillen</i>	<i>Penny Smith</i>
<i>Christine Nicpon</i>	<i>Reyna Hernandez</i>
<i>Christy Serrano</i>	<i>Sandy De León</i>
<i>Cindy Zumwalt</i>	<i>Scott Kibler</i>
<i>Deborah Barnett</i>	<i>Sergio Hernandez</i>
<i>Denise Dell Isola</i>	<i>Shauna Ejeh</i>
<i>Janine Lewis</i>	<i>Theresa Hawley</i>
<i>Jeanna Capito</i>	<i>Tom Browning</i>

**2) Review SIAC meeting minutes from 09.23.2014 ( 5 minutes)**

*Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.*

*1<sup>st</sup> motion: Amy Zimmerman; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Beth Berendsen*

*Karen Berman*

**3) ELC SIAC Subcommittee Updates/**

**Overview of presentation to Executive Committee (80 minutes)**

*Karen Berman*

- Health:
  - Recommendations

*Adam Becker and Janine Lewis*

*Adam Becker presented Health Recommendations document and stated work of 1.5 years intends to address gaps in field of health. Review of process, structure and methodology behind selection of recommendations and prioritization was*

*given. Use of matrix system (in appendix of document presented) was described.*

*Janine Lewis reviewed prioritization of health issues and explained that recommendations were identified in four areas: Policy, Training, Support, and Information. She presented select recommendations identified as “low hanging Fruit,” which represent opportunities for immediate action. Appendices were stated to include glossary and break down recommendations by actor, category, and top priority.*

*Karen Berman acknowledged work of Subcommittee and their commitment and organization.*

*Adam stated that next steps are presentation to Executive Committee of ELC with request to have an Implementation Taskforce of the InterAgency Team (IAT) look at prioritization and implementation in partnership with OECD and health experts.*

*Feedback included discussion around possibility of publishing work for dissemination in hard copy or as a live document online, with fiscal support of OECD or another entity. It was also suggested that perhaps there could be a “dashboard” that tracks implementation of recommendations.*

- Special Education:
  - MOU and Guiding Documents

*Karen Berman*

*Karen Berman presented overview of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) templates, guiding questions and a resource document. She stated that Early Childhood programs at the highest levels of quality in ExceleRate will need an MOU with every CFC and at least one LEA for the children in their care. In addition, programs will need to ensure that every child in their care has received an annual developmental screening. Next steps include INCRAA branding documents, dissemination of said documents, and embedding them throughout the trainings and quality support systems in our early childhood programs, and CFC and LEA partners.*

*Feedback to documents:*

- Be specific about length of time on MOU. It shouldn't be indefinite but should extend beyond a year. This should also be changed on worksheets.
- ISBE logo should be updated to reflect current Chairman.
- Grammatical and numeric corrections will be emailed by Bernie Laumann to Sandy De León

*Karen also announced that they were able to obtain grant from Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) for \$50,000 to develop trainings on the Inclusive Classroom Profile, the newly published tool that is the foundation of the AOE for Inclusion of children with Special Needs. These trainings will be face to face and on-line. The first cohort has been selected. In addition, there is funding in the PreK expansion grant to support implementation of this Award.*

- Community Systems Development:

- Strategic Plan

*Kathy Stohr*

*Kathy Stohr gave overview of Strategic Plan. She stated it was finalized last September. In February, OECD will provide next steps. The InterAgency Team (IAT) is addressing two issues in the plan: Data and Contracts. Under "Contracts" IAT will work with the CCSD to develop common language around expectations of grantees for participation in collaboratives. Under "Data," Collaborations expressed a need for more access to community-level data. Specific data needs were identified. OECD will work with the CCSD Subcommittee and IAT to better understand what data is available and needed for community collaborations to be effective. Currently, OECD is following up with each state agency to see what can be provided. They anticipate response by end of February.*

- Benchmarking Tool

*Jeanna Capito and Joanna Su*

*Jeanna Capito gave overview of the Benchmarking Tool developed by the CCSD Subcommittee to be used by community collaborations to assess themselves in a range of areas. Implementation of tool as pilot phase is said to begin within next two weeks. Karen Berman shared that Karen Yarbrough recommends that the tool and pilot findings be shared at Exec mtg. in April when the Early Childhood Dashboard is discussed.*

*The work of the CSD Subcommittee was acknowledged. Karen Berman thanked the Subcommittee members for all their work and contributions.*

- Blending, Braiding, and Sustainable Funding:

- New workgroup formation

*Karen Yarbrough*

*Karen Berman (in absence of Karen Yarbrough) presented overview of new group formation: Volunteers from each committee are part of ad-hoc group to gather priorities from Funding report. The first priority will be developing effective funding models for programs to braid and blend funds.*

#### **4) Federal and State Updates (20 minutes)**

- EHS-CC partnerships

*Karen Berman*

*Shauna Ejeh presented on EHS-CC. She stated that there are four grantees so far: Maywood, Joliet, Rockford, and Chicago. Chicago has identified who will be receiving slots and the number of slots allotted. However, listing has not yet been made available. Head Start will do regional trainings in March.*

- PreK expansion

Theresa Hawley/ Gail Nelson

*Cindy Zumwalt gave update on PreK Expansion grant. She stated that Illinois was awarded \$20 million per year for four years from January 2015-December 2018. Programs focus on four year olds at or below 200% poverty level with multiple risk Factors. Total 95% of funding will go to subgrantees and 5% to state infrastructure.*

- RTTT grant

Theresa Hawley/ Gail Nelson

*Theresa Hawley stated that midpoint review was completed. Grantees have revised Scope of Service and Work Plans to be updated based on learnings from work completed thus far. She shared that progress has been made in matchup of data between PFA and Child Care, and work is occurring to begin to access HS data.*

## 5) Next Steps (5 minutes)

Karen Berman

*Karen Berman stated that much of the work that has been ongoing in SIAC is coming to fruition due to all of the subcommittees' work. She suggests spending next quarter having conversations around cross-systems issues and encourages committee members to identify issues that would be important for this Committee to address. The Committee will also be looking for guidance from OECD on critical areas of systems integration and alignment where the Committee can be helpful.*

*Conversation around child care budget crisis was held. It was shared that new bills were introduced for supplemental funds to address budget shortfall, media has been used to convey messaging, and the ELC submitted a statement to Governor's Office on the budget .*

*In addition, it was shared that Early Intervention is also undergoing revenue shortfall of approximately \$20 million.*

## 6) Reminders:

- ELC Executive Committee Meeting: February 2, 2015 (1- 3pm)
- ELC Meeting: February 23, 2015 (11am- 2pm)

**Handouts:** Meeting agenda (1.28.15), Minutes: SIAC mtg. (9.23.2014), *Health:* Health Subcommittee Recommendations; *Special Ed.:* MOU- CFC, MOU-CFC Guidance, MOU- LEA, MOU-LEA Guidance, Flyers (2); *CSD:* CSD Benchmarking tool, Illinois PDG Implications for CSD; *Federal/State:* Licensed Family Child Care - ExceleRate Illinois, Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships, Overview Early Head Start/Child Care Partnerships, Preschool for All Exp Grant PPT.

